GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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LOADING NORMS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has stopped providing central assistance to the States for construction and maintenance of roads for not adhering to the loading norms for goods transport vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to restore the assistance to these States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) A decision was taken to withhold the Central assistance from the Central Road Fund to seven states, namely Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, due to issue of special passes/tokens/cards by these states, which facilitated overloading of vehicles in violation of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. All the seven State Governments later informed that the special passes/tokens/cards had been withdrawn. Thereafter, Central assistance has been restored to these states. At present, Central assistance is being provided to all states.

(b), (c)&(d) Do not arise.